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## **MEA OFFERS GRANTS FOR INSTALLATION OF NATURAL GAS REFILLING STATIONS IN MARYLAND**

*Maryland Energy Administration announces grants to increase fast fill, natural gas stations statewide.*

**ANNAPOLIS, MD.** (August 28, 2014) · The Maryland Energy Administration has begun accepting applications for its *Natural Gas Refilling Station Grant* Program. The Program is intended to boost the number of fast fill natural gas stations in the State that enable speedy refueling of natural gas vehicles at publically accessible stations. This transportation program promotes greater energy independence throughout the state by encouraging investment in cleaner fuel and automobile technologies. The new program is funded through the Strategic Energy Investment Fund in partnership with the Maryland Energy Administration, Maryland Clean Cities Coalition, Maryland Department of Environment and Gladstein Neandross & Associates.

Abigail Ross Hopper, Director of MEA, remarked on the new grant program stating that, ~~%MEA\$~~ continued investments in clean transportation technologies create a benefit for all Marylanders by improving air quality, which positively impacts public health, all while offering real and practical energy solutions.+ Moreover, ~~%his~~ this program will encourage alternative transportation modes and reduce Maryland\$ reliance on imported petroleum fuel.+

The Program will provide financial assistance to one or more eligible applicants that install, own, and operate natural gas refilling stations in Maryland. MEA wishes to facilitate the creation of a natural gas refilling infrastructure that will enable travel to and through the State from the surrounding region. Successful applicants must propose a location that extends the range and reach of natural gas vehicles along transportation corridors, such as major highways, shipping routes and population centers.

Applications are accepted on a competitive basis. **All submissions must be received by January 12, 2015.**

More information on this program is available at: [energy.maryland.gov/Transportation/natgasgrant](http://energy.maryland.gov/Transportation/natgasgrant)

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*The mission of the Maryland Energy Administration (MEA) is to promote affordable, reliable, clean energy. MEA's programs and policies help lower energy bills, fuel the creation of green collar jobs, address environmental and climate impacts, and promote energy independence.*